**Tech Champs Working Group, November 17, 2012**

**In attendance**: Carin Smolin, Laury Scandling, Carolyn Dukes, Pam Garcia, Roxy Mourant, John Wahl, Julie Leary, Barb Kreher, Chris Murray, Rebecca Daniels, Janna Lelchuk, Geoff Wyatt, Abe Olson, Carol Shurson, Kathy Brown, Lynette McNutt, Kathryn Milliron, Rich and Lisa Currier, Dianna Brann, Chris Knight

**Agenda:**

**- Quick share: a tech champ practice to share with others**

- Digital Sandbox (Roxy Mourant)

- Update on Feb. 19 "Tech Connect" district-wide in-service

- Professional development: creating surveys

- Agenda topics for next mtg, Jan. 12

**Small group work:**

- Elementary: Internet safety curriculum

- Online curricular review process

*Next Agenda items for Jan:*

* *Library resources sharing in Jan meeting*
* *Small group work in Jan*
* *Next meeting in December to work on inservice agenda*

**Roxy: Digital Sandbox** : [**www.alaskadigitalsandbox.org**](http://www.alaskadigitalsandbox.org)**, Login: user= first name.last name, pass=Alaska ,** [**Roxanne.mourant@alaska.gov**](mailto:Roxanne.mourant@alaska.gov)**, 465-8578**

(lifelong Juneauite and former teacher at Highland Tech High, Anchorage)

* Legislative funding coming
* What can you do for the Sandbox? Sharing with teachers
* 6 Tech Interns from our district
* akln.schooltown.net
* everything in Sandbox is creative common license, easy to download but cannot be sold, all open and can be edited etc
* if want account, easy to get from Roxy
* review process by peers: supported by grant through John Monahan at UAF, Dr Professor of PhD program and broadband opportunity program; VTOP grants focused on broadband projects; last year 14 of 54 districts did not have broadband but every district has broadband this year; big improvements but costly.
* Content reviewers in place now
* Recording and archiving life presentations, media sites, and supporting docs
* We can have our own access to *school tube* and can be vetted by one of us, Chris or Carin in district to have teacher access;
* JDHS: Tal Norval, Isaac Christenson, plus 4 more interns coming on; can do presentations to staff
* Need silverlite plug in for media sites, can be downloaded for free
* Video library
* Sandbox is incorporated into AKLN network, distance ed classes
  + Piloting 24 classes around the state, asynchronous
* AKLN currently offers secondary classes but eventually preK-12/20 and professional development, and resources
* Nancy Norman is working on elementary math stuff to put in Sandbox
* Housed over in Council of School Administrators who manages it
* Resources: PowerPoint on sharing, videos, curriculum help for teachers
* Google browser v Sandbox: attempt for AK to share with Alaskans, searchable by AK Standards, user ratings, professional review, 24/7, Free; Google does not vet
* GCI partnership we have unlimited space
* Idea: Tech camp with kid project and presentation to parents/community
* Question of the day posted: informally explored by students with sharing at end of day
* Can upload and share anytime
* **When you share, share out in a changeable format or PDF**
* Spring registration for AKLN high school coming out next week
* *I’m a teacher in Alaska video share (contest info on school tube,…share out a best story, 2 min or less and can win award at ASTE in Idita contest)…also doing for CTE*

**Inservice agenda, collaborative document**

**[http://tinyurl.com/technowinservice](http://tinyurl.com/technowinservice" \t "_blank)**

* Carin send list to tech champs and link to draft agenda about what need for agenda detail
* Send email to principals inviting option for half day training with Jim Sill on Monday work day before tech inservice day
* Tech champs and building staff survey on apple trainer topics for inservice
* Consider meeting in December to work on agenda detail

**Legislative Capital Priorities:**

* Phone systems: MRCS, RB, DH
* Libraries: what does your library need to be a high functioning media center?
* Adults/Teachers
* Videoconferencing amongst high schools

Chris gave update on system updates:

* Infrastructure and switches - industry standard and management of trends and use in the district
* Device-updates happening
* Bandwith ongoing challenge
* Importance of refresh cycle to continue to support upgrades and operational costs including bandwith costs

**How to create online survey form**

* Google Drive
  + Google forms
  + uncheck require JSD to sign in and view
  + create form
  + create directions
  + use checkboxes or scale or grid (1-4, 1=low interest, 4=high interest)
  + create question specifically to the Apple sectionals for the inservice
* John creating survey to send to tech champs to send to staff
* We get together in Dec 8 to review results and let Apple know what we want along with other agenda work on Tech inservice

**Tech Share: PD/Tech**

* + Shared one thing you shared with staff in this website: educatorstechnology.com

John:

* 85 ways teachers can use google forms with their students, educatorstechnology.com
  + Worldtle, **QR codes** to questions= other Tech Champs training
  + Shared one thing you shared with staff in this website
* Digital Sandbox, freeapp/day, smart apps for kids
* Configurators for ipads
* He is training on this Wed workday on how to use ipads in the classroom at FD- open to all FD staff

Lynette:

* 20 new ipads, getting them up and using ipads in classroom next, and small google and email training with staff trainings

Kathy:

* sharing calendars with teachers and chatting and using google, getting more comfortable with using ipads in classroom, battle books ad other lit activities

Barbara K:

* 10 replies to survey in building
* Monday morning messages from librarians to links for staff
* Working on activities google calendar for district linked to district website

Abe:

* Google docs with teachers, teaching them how to use and engaged in student tracking project for advisories

Janna:

* Survey at staff meeting
* Experimented with QR codes and showed teachers
* Helped teachers with digitial storytelling

Rich Currier: JYC:

* Library of Congress website
* Scholastic weekly reader subscription online
* Student can’t access internet at JYC
* Scholastic.com - great resources

Lisa:

* Working with teaching partners and using ipads, 10 best K apps but not really great
* Download on ipads and review before sharing out; hard to find good apps

Dianna:

* Tech committee to meet soon

Carolyn:

* Primary grades website reviews for apps and share with parents too the good ones

Chris:

* Killing wireless networks with universal wireless system and need new name and secured

Julie:

* Getting staff on google and migrated over and almost there
* Advocate for building renovation funds left over to get technology needed

Chris:

* Developing government class online curriculum

Pam:

* Helped teachers with AESOP,
* Setting up classes with online resources and tech connected in the school
* PD mini-projector: Brookstone HDMI mini pocket projector, $299,
* App: Explain Everything

Carolyn:

* Getting tech survey answered
* Tech in the closet to get out and working on identifying what we have and get things used

Roxy:

* Favorite app: CHIRP.com, uses radio frequency to send message; that is how Kodiak does all morning announcements-does not require internet, any device that has this app open

Next Meeting:

* Dec 8 to work on inservice agenda
* John sends out survey info for apple training topics
* Carin sends out info to tech champs as to what work needs to be done on the agenda draft
* Tech champs talks to building principals about Jim Sill and Carin sends email explaining opportunity